Withdrawal of US Aid on Family Planning

1567. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appeared in the "Indian Express" dated 3rd February, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Bureaucratic infighting within the Ministry of Health has caused the U.S. to withdraw $ 34 million from family planning programmes in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inances meant for family planning r ammes have been reinvested other programmes;

) if so, the details therein; and

d) whether it is also a fact that to conduct inquiry into the matter not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A project Agreement for USAID assistance of US $ 47 million (234 million loan and $ 13 million grant) was signed for Family Planning Communication and Marketing Project on 30th August, 1983. This *inter-alia* including setting up of a contraceptive Marketing Organisation in an autonomous Organisation The Government on reconsideration decided to set up a High Powered Board in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for marketing r Contraceptives. USAID in the meantime decided to deobligate loan portion of $ 34 million of USAID assistance for the Project. Consequently Government decided to close the issue.

Out of $ 34 million deobligated project funds, USAID has reobligated $ 10.6 million for Population related activities.

(d) There are no grounds on which any inquiry is called for in this case.

LIC Building in Connaught Place of buildings by Air India in New Delhi

1568. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the directions issued by the Government to stop unnecessary and extravagent expenditure during the drought period;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Air India spent crors of rupees for decorating its offices in Himalaya House Scindia House, Mega Centre and new LIC Building near connaught Place though there is acute drought situation prevailing in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof building-wise and the reasons for decorating those offices spending crores of rupees?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) During 1986, Air India had to spend Rs. 25.63 lakhs on renovation